

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) A modular lighting system comprising:

~~a horizontal member;~~

a first vertical member comprising:

a first outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a first and a second conductive members disposed behind the first outer member such that a portion of the first conductive member and a portion of the second conductive member ~~is~~ are disposed near the plurality of openings, the first and the second conductive members being adapted to be coupled to a source of electrical power such that they are of opposite polarity;

a second vertical member juxtaposed parallel to the first vertical member, comprising:

a second outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a third and a fourth conductive members disposed behind the second outer member such that a portion of the third conductive member and a portion of the fourth conductive member are disposed near the plurality of openings, the third and the fourth conductive members being adapted to be

coupled to the source of electrical power such that they are of opposite polarity;

a panel coupled between the first and second vertical members,

wherein the panel includes at least one electrical fixture, the panel being electrically coupled to the first and second conductive members such that the electrical fixture receives power therefrom; and

~~a first support assembly comprising:~~

~~a shank portion tab member for engaging one of the plurality of openings and making electrical contact with the first and second conductive members.; and~~

~~a cantilever portion for making electrical contact with the shank portion and with the horizontal member; and~~

~~————— a nonconductive portion for providing support to the horizontal member.~~

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim ~~31~~ 30, further comprising a low voltage power source coupled to the first and second conductive members such that they are of opposite polarity.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 30, further comprising a ~~wherein the horizontal member~~

is disposed between the first and second vertical members, and wherein the horizontal member comprises:

a first ~~and second~~ ends adapted to couple to the first and second conductive members; and

at least one electrical fixture coupled between the first and second ends, such that the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture is electrically coupled to the first and second conductive members.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim ~~35~~ 30, wherein the panel has a translucent surface and the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture is a light disposed behind the translucent surface.

38. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 30 or 34 ~~or 36~~ wherein the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture comprises a socket.

39. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 38, further comprising an electrical device including a plug for mating with the socket such that the electrical device receives electrical power via the socket.

40. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 39, wherein the electrical device comprises a light.

41. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 3430, further comprising a ~~wherein the nonconductive portion is integrated with the cantilever portion~~ member to support the horizontal member.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Cancelled)

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) A modular lighting system comprising:

a first vertical member comprising:

a first outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a first and a second conductive members disposed behind the first outer member such that a portion of the first conductive member and a portion of the second conductive member are disposed near the plurality of openings, the first and the second conductive members being adapted to be

coupled to a low voltage power source ~~of electrical power~~ such that they are of opposite polarity; and

a tab shank member for ~~engaging one of the plurality of openings and~~ making electrical contact with the first and the second conductive members, and

~~a cantilever member for making electrical contact with the shank member.~~

48. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 47, further comprising:

a second vertical member, comprising:

a second outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a third and a fourth conductive members disposed behind the second outer member such that a portion of the third conductive member and a portion of the fourth conductive member are disposed near the plurality of openings, the third and the fourth conductive members being adapted to be coupled to the source of electrical power such that they are of opposite polarity,

wherein the first and second vertical members are juxtaposed in a spaced apart, substantially parallel relation.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 48, further comprising a horizontal member disposed between the first and second vertical members, wherein the horizontal member comprises:

a first end adapted to couple to the first and second conductive members;

a second end adapted to couple to the third and fourth conductive members; and

at least one electrical fixture ~~coupled between the first and second ends, such that the at least one electrical fixture is~~ electrically coupled to the first and second conductive members.

52. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 48, further comprising a panel coupled between the first and second vertical members.

53. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 52, wherein the panel includes at least one electrical fixture, the panel being electrically coupled to the first and second conductive members such that the electrical fixture receives power therefrom.

54. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 53, wherein the panel has a translucent surface and the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture is a light disposed behind the translucent surface.

55. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 51 or 53, wherein the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture further comprises a socket.

56. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 55, further comprising an electrical device including a plug for mating with the socket such that the electrical device receives electrical power via the socket.

57. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 56, wherein the electrical device comprises a light.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 51, further comprising a modular furniture piece coupled to the horizontal member.

61. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 60, wherein the modular furniture piece comprises a shelf, desk, clothes rod, or display case.

62. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 60, wherein the modular furniture piece comprises a light, the light being electrically coupled to the first and second support members.

63. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 62, wherein the light is disposed on the underside of a shelf, or inside a desk.

64. (Currently Amended) A modular lighting system comprising:

a horizontal member;

a first vertical member comprising:

a first outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a first and a second conductive members disposed behind the first outer member such that a portion of the first conductive member and a portion of the second conductive member are ~~is~~ disposed near the plurality of openings, the first and the second conductive members being adapted to be coupled to a source of electrical power such that they are of opposite polarity;

a second vertical member juxtaposed parallel to the first vertical member, comprising:

a second outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a third and a fourth conductive members disposed behind the second outer member such that a portion of the third conductive member and a portion of the fourth conductive members are disposed near the plurality of openings, the third and fourth conductive members being adapted to be coupled to the source of electrical power such that they are of opposite polarity;

a panel coupled between the first and second vertical members,

wherein the panel includes at least one electrical fixture, the panel being electrically coupled to the first and second conductive members such that the electrical fixture receives power therefrom; and

a support pin assembly comprising:

a support pins for engaging one of the plurality of openings and making electrical contact with the ~~first~~ conductive members; and

a ~~peg~~ sleeve member for making electrical contact with the support pins and supporting the horizontal member.

65. (Cancelled)

66. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim ~~65~~ 64, further comprising a low voltage power source coupled to the first and second conductive members such that they are of opposite polarity.

67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 64, wherein the horizontal member is disposed between the first and second vertical members and wherein the horizontal member comprises:

a first and ~~second~~ ends adapted to couple to the first and second conductive members; and

a second end adapted to couple to the third and fourth conductive members; and

at least one electrical fixture ~~coupled between the first and second ends, such that the at least one electrical fixture is~~ electrically coupled to the first and second conductive members.

69. (Cancelled)

70. (Cancelled)

71. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim ~~70~~ 64, wherein the panel has a translucent surface and the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture is a light disposed behind the translucent surface.

72. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 64 or 68 ~~or 70~~, wherein the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture comprises a socket.

73. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 72, further comprising an electrical device including a plug for mating with the socket such that the electrical device receives electrical power via the socket.

74. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 73, wherein the electrical device comprises a light.

75. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 64, wherein the ~~peg~~ sleeve member comprises a contact portion for making electrical contact with the horizontal member.

76. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim ~~65~~64, further comprising a second support pin assembly, the second support pin assembly comprising:

a support pins for engaging one of the plurality of openings and making electrical contact with the ~~second~~ conductive memberss; and

a sleeve member ~~peg~~ for making electrical contact with the support pins and supporting the horizontal member.

77. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 76, wherein the sleeve member ~~peg~~ comprises a contact portion for making electrical contact with the horizontal member.

78. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 76, further comprising a furniture piece coupled between the first and second support pin assemblies.

79. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 78, wherein the furniture piece comprises a shelf, desk, clothes rod, or display case.

80. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 78, wherein the furniture piece comprises a light, the light being electrically coupled to the first and second support members.

81. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 80, wherein the light is disposed on the underside of a shelf, or inside a desk.

82. (Currently Amended) A modular lighting system comprising:

a horizontal member;

a first vertical member comprising:

a first outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a first and a second conductive members disposed behind the first outer member such that a portion of the first conductive member and a portion of the second conductive member are disposed near the plurality of openings, the first and the second conductive members being adapted to be coupled to a low voltage power source ~~of electrical power~~ such that they are of opposite polarity; and

a support pin assembly comprising:

a support pins for engaging one of the plurality of openings and making electrical contact with the ~~first and second~~ conductive members; and

a sleeve member ~~peg~~ for making electrical contact with the support pins and supporting the horizontal member.

83. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 82, further comprising:

a second vertical member, comprising:

a second outer member having a plurality of openings in a face thereof; and

a third and a fourth conductive members disposed behind the second outer member such that a portion of the third conductive member and a portion of the fourth conductive member are disposed near the plurality of openings, the third and fourth conductive members being adapted to be coupled to the source of electrical power such that they are of opposite polarity,

wherein the first and second vertical members are juxtaposed in a spaced apart, substantially parallel relation.

84. (Cancelled)

85. (Cancelled)

86. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 82, wherein the horizontal member is disposed between the first and second vertical members and wherein the horizontal member comprises:

a first end adapted to couple to the first and second conductive members;

a second end adapted to couple to the third and fourth conductive members; and

at least one electrical fixture ~~coupled between~~
~~the first and second ends, such that the at least one~~
~~electrical fixture is~~ electrically coupled to the first and
second conductive members.

87. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting
system of claim 83, further comprising a panel coupled between
the first and second vertical members.

88. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting
system of claim 87, wherein the panel includes at least one
electrical fixture, the panel being electrically coupled to the
first and second conductive members such that the electrical
fixture receives power therefrom.

89. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting
system of claim 82, wherein the panel has a translucent surface
and the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture is a light disposed
behind the translucent surface.

90. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system
of claim 86 or 88, wherein the ~~at least one~~ electrical fixture
comprises a socket.

91. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting
system of claim 90, further comprising an electrical device
including a plug for mating with the socket such that the
electrical device receives electrical power via the socket.

92. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 91, wherein the electrical device comprises a light.

93. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 82, wherein the sleeve member ~~peg~~ comprises a contact portion for making electrical contact with the horizontal member.

94. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 83, further comprising a second support pin assembly, the second support pin assembly comprising:

a support pins for engaging one of the plurality of openings and making electrical contact with the ~~third and fourth~~ conductive members; and

a sleeve member ~~peg~~ for making electrical contact with the support pins and supporting the horizontal member.

95. (Currently Amended) The modular lighting system of claim 94, wherein the sleeve member ~~peg~~ comprises a contact portion for making electrical contact with the horizontal member.

96. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 94, further comprising a furniture piece coupled between the first and second support pin assemblies.

97. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 96, wherein the furniture piece comprises a shelf, desk, clothes rod, or display case.

98. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 96, wherein the furniture piece comprises a light, the light being electrically coupled to the first and second support members.

99. (Previously Presented) The modular lighting system of claim 98, wherein the light is disposed on the underside of a shelf, or inside a desk.